

Ad-hoc Agricultural Assessment Work Group

7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm.

Committee members: John Keshick, Marci Reyes, Mike Naganashe

Tribal Councilor(s) present: Secretary Julie Shananaquet

Legislative Branch Staff: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Treasury Director Michael Garrow

Guests: Kevin Gasco, Regina Brubacker-Carver, Vicky Kelley, Douglas Sprague

Motion by Councilor Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to adopt the agenda of July 16, 2014.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Reyes to approve the minutes June 25, 2014, as presented.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.

Discussion: Councilor Keshick provided results of the Annual meeting survey. The top two choices were "Utilizing Green Energy" and "Organ Foods and Gardening".

Discussion on how to publish the harvest dates in the newsletter and on the Citizens' Only website. Doug Schlappi will get with Office Manager Michele LaCount on putting the information on the web and the LSA Budnick will work with Councilor Keshick to draft an article for the September Odawa Trails.

LSA Budnick and Councilor Keshick will inquire with Heather Boening, Probation Officer, for possible community service workers.

Update on Professional Forest Management plan provided by LSA Budnick. Contract and invoice have been signed. Keith Martell is waiting on a check to start process.

OFI and Fish composting: Councilor Reyes will put together a subcommittee to see what funding or resources may be available.

Doug Schlappi will get an updated of funding costs to the AAWG.

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Discussion on security of the house and the need for repairs to the front door of the house.

Rodents and Ground Squirrels: Councilor Keshick will put out coffee grounds.

Restoring power to the barn for night light was added to the list of items for repair.

Most of the dead trees have been removed and some damage occurred to the fence and gate.

Treasury Director Garrow will contact rental agents for seasonal rental of the house.

General Discussions:

- Bat house building

- Cash crops and organic crops

- Fall pumpkins and hayrides

Public Comment opened at 5:42 pm,

Corn is up in the 3-Sister's Garden, grant monies are available for hoop houses this fall

Public Comment closed at 5:51 pm

Next meeting: TBD

Adjournment:

Motion by Councilor Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to adjourn at 5:55 pm.

3-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent

Motion Carried.